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FOR SSM (KONTOS) FROM THORNE AND AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SFM HQ AND CAIRO MOD

1. UNDERSTAND FROM STYLES-LAYNE TELECON FEBRUARY 18 THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT COMMUNICATIONS FROM SFM HQ TO CAIRO AND JERUSALEM WILL GO THROUGH E-1 AND J-1 RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO TWO PARTIES. THORNE WILL TELEPHONE KONTOS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND.

2. AS REPORTED CAIRO 1243 AND 1581 EGYPTIANS HAVE FROM BE-GINNING INDICATED STRONGEST POSSIBLE PREFERENCE FOR DIRECT LINK FROM SFM HQ TO MOD CAIRO. SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED WITH BOTH PERES AND GAMASY LAST WEEK. PERES TOLD THORNE FEBRUARY 10 THAT ISRAELIS HAD DECIDED THEY WANTED DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS FROM SFM HQ TO IDF LIAISON OFFICER IN JERUSALE. IN VIEW OF ISRAELI POSITION AND UNDERSTANDING THAT IF BOTH SIDES INSISTED ON DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS SSM WOULD PROVIDE THEM, THORNE DISCUSSED SUBJECT FEBRUARY 12 WITH GAMASY. GAMASY INSISTED IN STRONGEST TERMS ON DIRECT LINK FROM SFM HQ TO MOD CAIRO. WHEN THORNE MENTIONED THAT DIRECT VHF RECORD-TYPE COMMUNICATIONS COULD NOT BE IN OPERATION UNTIL APRIL AT EARLIEST, CONFIDENTIAL

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GAMASY AGREED THAT, DURING INTERIM, COMMUNICATIONS COULD

BE RELAYED THROUGH E-1.

3. WE REQUEST A TELEGRAM CONFIRMING OR DENYING THE
DECISION THAT COMMUNICATIONS FROM SFM HQ TO CAIRO AND
JERUSALEM WILL GO THROUGH E-1 AND J-1 AND A RATIONALE FOR
THE DECISION. GIVEN THE POSITIVE EXPRESSION BY BOTH MINISTERS
OF DEFENSE FOR THEIR DESIRES FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS AND
THE KEY ROLE WHICH COMMUNICATIONS WILL PLAY IN IMPELEMENTING
THE GENEVA AGREEMENT WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION
BEFORE NOTIFYING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
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